

## **Assembly Bill No. 338**

### **CHAPTER 595**

An act to amend Section 4656 of the Labor Code, relating to workers' compensation.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AB 338, Coto. Workers' compensation: temporary disability payments.

Existing workers' compensation law generally requires employers to secure the payment of workers' compensation, including medical treatment, for injuries incurred by their employees that arise out of, or in the course of, employment. Existing law prohibits aggregate disability payments for a single injury occurring on or after April 19, 2004, causing temporary disability from extending for more than 104 compensable weeks within a period of 2 years from the date of commencement of temporary disability payment, except if an employee suffers from certain injuries or conditions.

This bill would, for a single injury occurring on or after January 1, 2008, increase to 5 years from the date of injury, the period of time during which an employee can receive aggregate disability payments.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 4656 of the Labor Code is amended to read:

4656. (a) Aggregate disability payments for a single injury occurring prior to January 1, 1979, causing temporary disability shall not extend for more than 240 compensable weeks within a period of five years from the date of the injury.

(b) Aggregate disability payments for a single injury occurring on or after January 1, 1979, and prior to April 19, 2004, causing temporary partial disability shall not extend for more than 240 compensable weeks within a period of five years from the date of the injury.

(c) (1) Aggregate disability payments for a single injury occurring on or after April 19, 2004, causing temporary disability shall not extend for more than 104 compensable weeks within a period of two years from the date of commencement of temporary disability payment.

(2) Aggregate disability payments for a single injury occurring on or after January 1, 2008, causing temporary disability shall not extend for more than 104 compensable weeks within a period of five years from the date of injury.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), for an employee who suffers from the following injuries or conditions, aggregate disability payments for a single injury occurring on or after April 19, 2004, causing temporary disability shall not extend for more than 240 compensable weeks within a period of five years from the date of the injury:

- (A) Acute and chronic hepatitis B.
- (B) Acute and chronic hepatitis C.
- (C) Amputations.
- (D) Severe burns.
- (E) Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
- (F) High-velocity eye injuries.
- (G) Chemical burns to the eyes.
- (H) Pulmonary fibrosis.
- (I) Chronic lung disease.